

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. In the final Office Action of April 25, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Walsh* in view of *Brody*. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and address the Examiner's disposition below.

Claims 1-7 have each been amended to clarify that the display is a light emitting display having active-matrix circuitry. Claim 6 has also been amended to clarify that the organic layer is an organic light emitting layer.

Referring to Applicants' Figure 3 for illustrative purposes, independent claim 1, as amended, claims a light emitting display having active-matrix circuitry. A device layer 38 is provided on a substrate 31. The device layer 38 comprises luminescent devices defining pixel units arrayed in a matrix, each luminescent device having an emitting area. A circuitry layer 32 is provided between the substrate 31 and the device layer 38. The circuitry layer 32 comprises pixel circuits for driving the respective luminescent devices, the pixel circuits defining the pixel units. Contacts 39 electrically connect each of the luminescent devices with a corresponding pixel circuit. The contacts 39 are not provided under the emitting area of the luminescent devices.

Independent claim 6, as amended, also claims a light emitting display having active-matrix circuitry. Referring to Figure 3 for illustrative purposes, a device layer 38 is provided on a substrate 31. The device layer 38 comprises luminescent devices defining pixel units, each luminescent device comprising a lower electrode 35, an upper electrode 36, and an organic light emitting layer 37 provided between the upper electrode 36 and the lower electrode 35. A circuitry layer 32 is provided between the substrate and the device layer 38. The circuitry layer comprises pixel circuits for driving the respective luminescent devices, the pixel circuits defining the pixel units. Each lower electrode 35 has a contact 39 electrically connecting the corresponding luminescent device with the corresponding pixel circuit. The upper electrode 36 is not provided over the contact 39.

Thus, independent claims 1 and 6, each as amended, each claims a light emitting display having active matrix circuitry. The light emitting display comprises luminescent devices that define pixel units.

This is clearly unlike *Walsh* in view of *Brody*, which fails to disclose or suggest a light emitting display having a device layer comprising luminescent devices defining pixel units. Instead, *Walsh* and *Brody* each relate to a liquid crystal display device having a liquid crystal layer covering a substrate. *Walsh* and *Brody's* liquid crystal layer fails to disclose or suggest

luminescent devices that define pixel units. Thus, for at least this reason, *Walsh* in view of *Brody* fails to disclose or suggest claims 1 and 6.

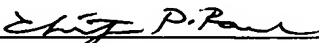
Claims 2-5 and 7 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 or 6 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 6 are allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-7 are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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